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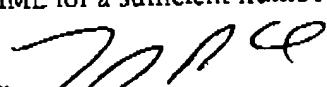
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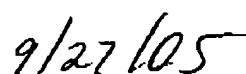
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 24, 2005, please amend this application as follows for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.